

AMENDMENTS TO THE ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

Please replace the abstract of the disclosure with the following amended abstract:

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~~When an input device (2) A sink apparatus receives stream data outputted from an output device (1) a source apparatus connected to a predetermined network[[,]] if an output device . When the source apparatus or an other devices transmit apparatus connected to the network transmits a command for setting the input device (2) such that to configure a data input section (2b) of the input device (2) may of the sink apparatus to input outputted data of outputted from the output device, there is prepared source apparatus, data indicating are prepared to indicate that the input setting a configuration of the data input section is at least temporarily disabled as a response from the input device to the command sink apparatus. If the When the apparatus that transmitted the command transmission source receives the data indicating that the input setting configuration is at least temporarily disabled[[,]] then corresponding processing may be executed. When stream data is are transmitted through a network such as an IEEE 1394 network, it can be easily determined by an other device apparatus on the network whether or not a target device side the sink apparatus is ready to input data.~~